

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXCAVATION OF HISTORICAL PLACES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of historical places in Gujarat where various excavation work have been undertaken during the last three years;
- (b) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Archaeological Survey of India for the protection of these places; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not carried out any excavation in Gujarat during the last three years. However, other agencies like Government of Gujarat, Institute of Rajasthan Studies, Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur and M.S. University, Vadodara have carried out excavations in the State during the last three years. The details are at Annexure.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal at present for protection of these sites by the Archaeological Survey of India.